

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 4, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TEN EYCK submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the representatives of Richard Taliaferro, beg leave to adopt a report made by Mr. Shepley, in the year 1836, as part of their report:*

“That, from the evidence adduced in support of the claim, it appears that Captain Taliaferro was in the army of the revolution in the year 1776 or 1777, and was employed in the recruiting service, whether in the State line or on continental establishment may not be quite certain, although the testimony would seem strongly to show that he was in the State line. He was a captain in the regiment of Barrack Guards, raised in 1779, and discharged in 1781. It is not necessary to decide whether that regiment was or was not to be regarded as in the continental service, because it appears clearly to have been disbanded in June, 1781, and there is not the least proof that Captain Taliaferro was in service after that time; and as he did not serve to the end of the war, he was not entitled to half pay, or the commutation in lieu of it.”

Thus it will be seen that this case has been pending before Congress for twenty-five years, and your committee see no reason for reversing the decision heretofore made. The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

